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SUBJ: GUYANESE FONMIN VISITS ECUADOR; RELATIONS ESTABLISHED

- 1. GUYANESE FONMIN S.S. RAMPHAL ARRIVED HERE THE MORNING OF JULY 1 FOR A TWO-DAY VISIT TO ESTABLISH FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN ECUADOR AND GUYANA. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS, RAMPHAL AND ECUADOREAN FONMIN ANTONIO J. LUCIO PAREDES ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT INDICATING AGREEMENT ON VARIOUS POINTS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.
- 2. AFTER A RITUAL NOD TO THE "AMERICANIST SPIRIT" WHICH UNITES THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE FOREIGN MINISTERS REAFFIRMED THE "SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF STATES TO EXPLORE, CONSERVE, DEVELOP AND USE OR FREELY DISPOSE OF "THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONDEMNED ANY INTERFERENCE WITH THIS RIGHT. IN THIS

VEIN, THEY REITEREATED SUPPORT FOR OLADE, THE LATIN AMERICAN ENERGY ORGANIZATION. REGARDING BANANAS, THEY EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE POLICIES OF PRODUCER COUNTRIES DIRECTED TOWARD INCREASE OF CONSUMPTION, THE LIFTING OF TARIFF BARRIERS, AND THE "DEFENSE OF FAIR PRICES" FOR THE PRODUCT, IN THAT ORDER. LIKEWISE, THEY SUPPORTED "FAIR PRICES FOR BASIC, STRATEGIC AND NON-RENEWABLE PRODUCTS, ESPECIALLY BAUXITE AND PETROLEUM". THE TWO MINISTERS ALSO SIGNED A BILATERAL CULTURAL AGREEMENT.

- 3. RAMPHAL, IN A SEPARATE PRESS STATEMENT, NOTED THAT "ECUADOR, AT THE PRESENT TIME, REPRESENTS PROGRESSIVE THOUGHT IN LATIN AMERICAN AND AMONG THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES, AND THIS IS THE FUNDAMENTAL REASON WHY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA HAS ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS". HE PRAISED THE CULTURAL AGREEMENT (WHOSE TERMS HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLISHED) AS A FURTHER STEP IN THE INTEGRATION OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT. HE NOTED THAT THE GOG FAVORED AN "INTEGRATION OF INTEGRATION MOVEMENTS" BETWEEN THE CARIBBEAN ZONE AND THE ANDEAN PACT, AS WELL AS WITH LAFTA AND THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY.
- 4. FINALLY, HE TOUCHED ON A POINT WHICH WAS AN APPARENT SOURCE OF DISCORD DURING THE OTHERWISE SEEMINGLY HARMONIOUS ENCOUNTER. RAMPHAL, WHO WAS AN UNSUCCESSFUL SPOKESMAN FOR LDC-CONSUMER INTERESTS AT THE RECENT QUITO OPEC MEETING, CALLED ATTENTION TO THE "CRITICAL SITUATION" CREATED BY THE THE CURRENT PRICE OF OIL. HE INDICATED SUPPORT FOR OPEC EFFORTS TO DEFEND MEMBER-COUNTRY RESOURCES, BUT REPEATED HIS VIEW THAT OPEC SHOULD CREATE SOME PRICE MECHANISM TO AID POORER COUNTRIES. HE CONCLUDED ON A MORE UPBEAT NOTE, REITERATING GOG SUPPORT FOR BANANA PRODUCERS AND SOLIDARITY WITH HONDURAS AND COSTA RICA IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO RAISE INTERNATIONAL PRICES FOR THE FRUIT.
- 5. FONOFF SOURCES HERE INDICATE NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO ESTABLISH A RESIDENT MISSION, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA WILL ALSO BE ACCREDITED TO GEORGETOWN.

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